counts on the pretext of low quality; and

(c) whether the Apparel Export Promotion Council has taken up the matter and how many such complaints have been received?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) Disputes relating to quality as well as nonpayment of dues are raised from time to time by garment exporters as well as importers. While these are normally sorted out between the exporters and importers, in some cases complaints are filed by the exporters or importers with the Apparel Export Promotion Council. Three such complaints have been filed by the garment exporters in India during the current year against importers of U.S.A. considering the large number of shipments that go from the country, these are negligible. Such cases are investigated by the Council and comments or explanation of the importers are obtained from time to time so as to sort out the disputes.

Production/Consumption and Import/ Export of Cotton and Silk

146. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production and consumption of cotton and silk in the country during the period from 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the target fixed for the same during this period;

(c) the details of cotton and silk imported and exported during this period; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of cotton in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA)* (a) *Cotton*

	1994-95	1995-96 (in lakh bales of 170 kg. Each)
Production	130.50	160.00
Consumption	135.04	151.00

(Source: Cotton Advisory Board)

Raw Silk (in Metric Tons)

Production	14,579	13,909
Consumption	19,982*	18,058* (•represents domestic consumption and export)

(b) No targets are fixed for the production and consumption of cotton and consumption of silk by the Ministry of Textiles. The figures for the targets of production of silk are given below.

Raw Silk (in Metric Tons)

	1994-95	1995-96
Production	17,700	16,790

©	*Cotton*		*Silk*	
(in lakh bales of 170 kgs each)				
	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96
Import	5.89	0.50	*5403	*4149
(in Metric Tons)				
Export	1.08	12.59	937.54	846.08 (in Rs. Crores)

* Import of raw silk is allowed only for export production.

(d) An intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture in Cotton Growing States. The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CO) also supplements the efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture in undertaking extension and developmental activities.

Prevention of Sea Erosion

147. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken